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SUBJ: MBFR: QUESTIONS REGARDING EASTERN DATA FOR APRIL 14 INFORMAL
SESSION

THE FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS APPROVED BY THE AHG ON APRIL 13
CONCERNING EASTERN DATA FOR USE, OR POSSIBLE USE, IN THE APRIL 14
INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN REPS:

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO CLARIFY OUR
UNDERSTANDING OF EASTERN FIGURES.
2. FIRST, IN OUR LAST MEETING ON APRIL 12, AMBASSADOR TARASOV SAID
THAT, IN THE ALLOCATION OF GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL OF THE GDR,
POLAND, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA BETWEEN THE TWO CATEGORIES, THE PERSONNEL
OF DIVISIONS HAD BEEN INCLUDED, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SUBORDINATION,
IN THE FIGURES FOR MAJOR FORMATIONS.
3. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHTTHER DIVISIONS ARE THE ONLY UNITS NOT
SUBORDINATE TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF A MILITARY DISTRICT WHOSE
PERSONNEL THE EAST HAS COUNTED UNDER ITS FIGURES FOR PERSONNEL
IN MAJOR FORMATIONS OF THE GDR, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA?

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4. SECOND, AMBASSADOR TARASOV ALSO SAID IN ANSWER TO OUR
QUESTION ON PERSONNEL OF POLISH UNITS OF TERRITORIAL DEFENSE
THAT SUCH PERSONNEL WERE CALLED UPON TO SERVE QUOTE
PERIODICALLY UNQUOTE IN THE UNITS FOR TERRITORIAL DEFENSE.

5. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM THIS THAT THESE PERSONNEL DO NOT

PERFORM THEIR ENTIRE PERIOD OF ACTIVE SERVICE IN A SINGLE CONSECUTIVE PERIOD. INSTEAD, AFTER SOME INITIAL PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE FOLLOWING CONSCRIPTION, THEY ARE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES, AND ARE SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED UP FOR SPECIFIC TIME PERIODS IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH SOME NATIONAL ECONOMIC TASKS, UNTIL THEIR FULL PERIOD OF OBLIGATION IS COMPLETED. IS THIS UNDERSTANDING CORRECT?

6. THIRD, IT IS THE CASE THAT THE ONLY PERSONNEL WHOM THE EAST HAS EXCLUDED FROM ITS FIGURES ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE IN THE QUOTE POLISH UNITS FOR TERRITORIAL DEFENSE UNQUOTE ARE THOSE POLISH PERSONNEL WHO SERVE ON THIS PARTTIME BASIS?

7. FOURTH, AMBASSADOR TARASOV SAID THAT PERSONNEL OF ALL BRIGADES SUBORDINATE TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF SOVIET FORCES IN THE GDR HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FIGURES FOR MAJOR FORMATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THIS THAT PERSONNEL OF ALL SOVIET SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE UNITS HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN THE FIGURES FOR MAJOR FORMATIONS, REGARDLESS OF THE SUBORDINATION OF THE UNITS. IS THIS CORRECT?

8. FIFTH, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IN WHICH CATEGORY OF GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL THE EAST HAS COUNTED THE PERSONNEL OF SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE UNITS WHICH ARE SUBORDINATE NEITHER TO DIVISIONS NOR TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF SOVIET ARMIES IN THE GDR?

9. SIXTH, DO THE EASTERN FIGURES FOR GROUND FORCE MANPOWER
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OF THE GDR, POLAND, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOLLOW THE SAME PRACTICE USED AS REGARDS THE PERSONNEL OF BRIGADES IN THE CASE OF SOVIET FIGURES. THAT IS, ARE ALL PERSONNEL OF ALL BRIGADES COUNTED IN THE FIGURES FOR GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL IN MAJOR FORMATIONS OF THOSE COUNTRIES?

10. SEVENTH, IN WHICH CATEGORY HAS THE EAST COUNTED THE PERSONNEL OF THOSE SOVIET UNITS IN THE AREA WHICH ARE DEVOTED MAINLY TO TRAINING NEWLY CONSCRIPTED SOLDIERS? WHAT CRITERION DID YOU USE FOR THIS ALLOCATION?

(CONTINGENCY QUESTIONS ON EASTERN DATA)

I. POSSIBLE SITUATION:

IN ANSWER TO QUESTION #2 ON PAPER #3 EASTERN REPS SAY THAT THE TERM QUOTE SMALL UNIT UNQUOTE REFERS TO REGIMENTS AND REGIMENTAL-SIZED UNITS.

SUGGESTED WESTERN QUESTIONS:

--IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM WHAT EASTERN REPS HAVE SAID REGARDING QUOTE SMALL UNITS UNQUOTE THAT PERSONNEL OF ALL SOVIET

UNITS OF REGIMENT SIZE OR SMALLER WHICH ARE NOT SUBORDINATE TO
SOVIET DIVISIONS OR SOVIET ARMIES HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN THE FIGURES
FOR THE SECOND CATEGORY. IS THIS CORRECT?

--ARE THERE ANY TANK OR ARMORED UNITS WHICH HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN
THE SECOND CATEGORY BECAUSE THEY ARE OF REGIMENTAL SIZE OR SMALLER
AND ARE NOT SUBORDINATE TO EITHER DIVISION OR TO THE HEADQUARTERS
OF SOVIET ARMIES IN THE GDR? RESOR

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